

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_      **ORDINANCE:**      To adopt the Water Resources Element Plan as an amendment to the adopted Master Plan for Rockville

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.08 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council of Rockville did, by Ordinance No. 24-02, adopt the Comprehensive Master Plan (the “Master Plan”) for the City of Rockville (the “City”), and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) under the provisions of Section 3.07 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland may recommend adoption of any amendment or extension of or addition to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.05 (a)(4)(vi) of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland sets forth that the General Plan must have a Water Resources Element; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council requested the Commission to make, approve and recommend to the Mayor and Council a Water Resources Element; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the preparation of the Water Resources Element, the City staff did carefully and comprehensively review and study the existing conditions and identify existing receiving waters and wastewater treatment areas and also identify drinking water resources to meet the needs that arise from projected growth; and also addresses water resource protection, ground water resources, water quality standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) – the maximum amount of pollutant a body of water can receive; and

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WHEREAS, the Water Resources Element has been prepared for the purpose of providing a clear vision and guide for the future of the City and to provide a framework for the City to meet the water and wastewater needs for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the said Water Resources Element was the subject of a Planning Commission presentation on May 12, 2010 and Planning Commission Public Hearing on June 9, 2010, as required by law, and work sessions on June 23, July 14, and July 28, 2010 held in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2010, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution approving the Water Resources Element as Resolution No. 2-10; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 3.08 of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council is required to adopt amendments to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan and amendments made from time to time provide a general framework for assisting the Mayor and City Council and City Planning Commission in making land use policy and facilities decisions; and

WHEREAS, the said Water Resources Element was the subject of Mayor and Council presentation on August 2, 2010, a public hearing on September 13, 2010, to receive further comments on the Commission's recommendation to the Mayor and Council, and a work session on October 11, 2010.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, that the Water Resources Element, amendment to the General Plan, thoroughly reviewed by the legislative body is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville, consisting of the publication entitled "Water Resources Element" dated December 13, 2010.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting on

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Glenda Evans, City Clerk